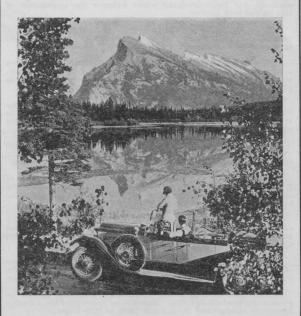
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## Points of Interest in Banff and Vicinity

BANFF NATIONAL PARK in Alberta is the oldest of Canada's National playgrounds. It contains some of the finest scenic regions in the central Canadian Rockies and includes an area of 2,585 square miles. The town of Banff, the Park Headquarters, is noted for its numerous tourist attractions, and is the starting point for many interesting automobile trips, trail rides, hikes, and climbs. Following are some of the most popular points of interest in Banff and vicinity:—

CASCADES OF TIME.—Landscaped area southwest of the Park Administration building illustrating the geological history of the region. Small plateaus representing the various geological periods and constructed of rocks of corresponding age, are connected by cascades which tumble from pool to pool. Rustic bridges, pavilions and flower-bordered walks enhance the appearance of this unique rock garden.

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM.—Situated on Banff Avenue near Bow River bridge. |Contains specimens of flora, fauna and geology of Banff Park, and a fine collection of Indian handicraft.

ZOO.—Located in the grounds at rear of Museum. Contains specimens of wild animal and bird life, including bear, lynx, coyote, wolf, cougar, porcupine, badger, marten, great horned owl, Canada goose and golden eagle.

FISH HATCHERY.—Situated half a mile southeast of the Bow River bridge on the Golf Course Loop drive. Operated to supply fish fry and fingerlings used in stocking the waters of the park.

WILD ANIMAL PADDOCK.—Two miles northeast of Banff via the Banff-Calgary Highway. Contains fine specimens of buffalo, elk, Rocky Mountain sheep and goat, yak, and four-horned sheep.

LAKE MINNEWANKA.—Situated eight miles northeast of Banff via the Banff-Calgary Highway and Lake Minnewanka Road. Boating, fishing, motor-boat trips, and Government campground.

TUNNEL MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND.—Government motor campground located east of Banff on lower slopes of Tunnel Mountain. Accommodation for 4,000 campers and equipped with shelters, camp-stoves, tables, electric light and running water.

TUNNEL MOUNTAIN DRIVE.—Two-way drive up slopes of Tunnel Mountain. Remarkable views of Banff, the Bow Falls, Spray River Valley and the Vermilion Lakes are obtained en route.

HOODOOS.—Strange freaks of Nature's sculpture, caused by erosion of glacial silt and clay. Reached by motor road from Tunnel Mountain campground along north bank of Bow River.

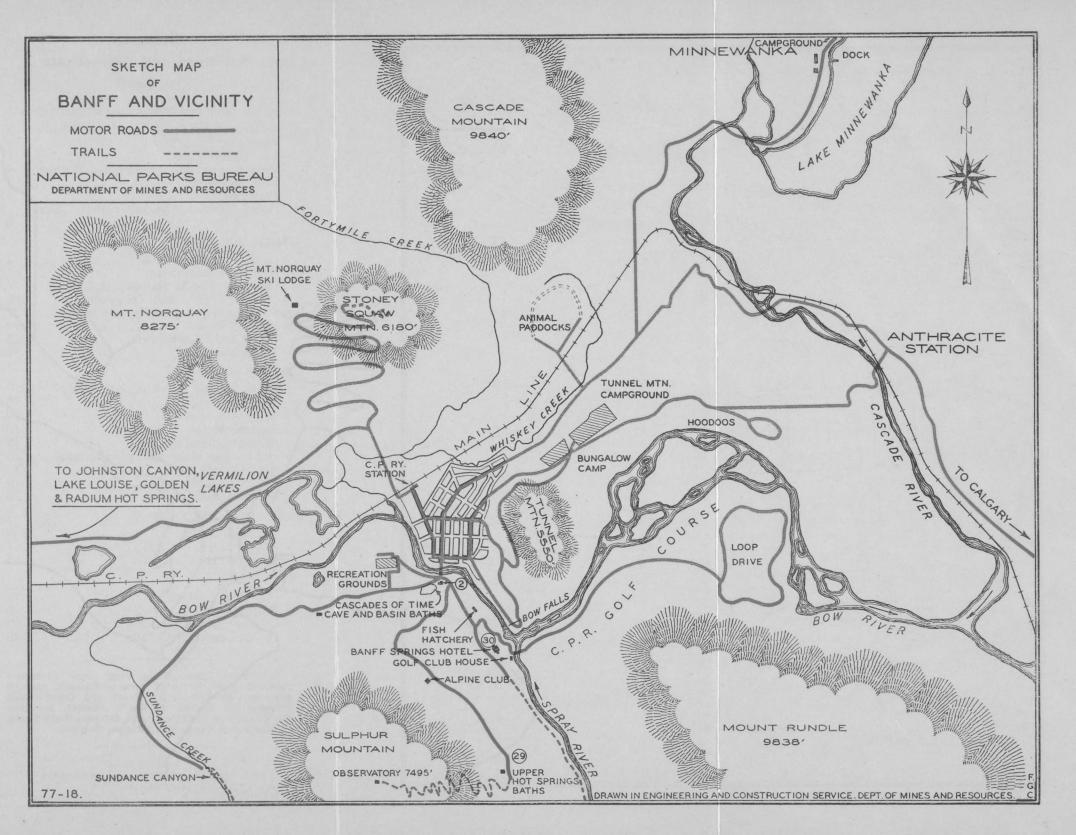
GOLF COURSE LOOP DRIVE.—From Bow River bridge via Spray, Glen, and River Avenues to Spray River bridge; across bridge and along base of Mount Rundle through golf course and return.

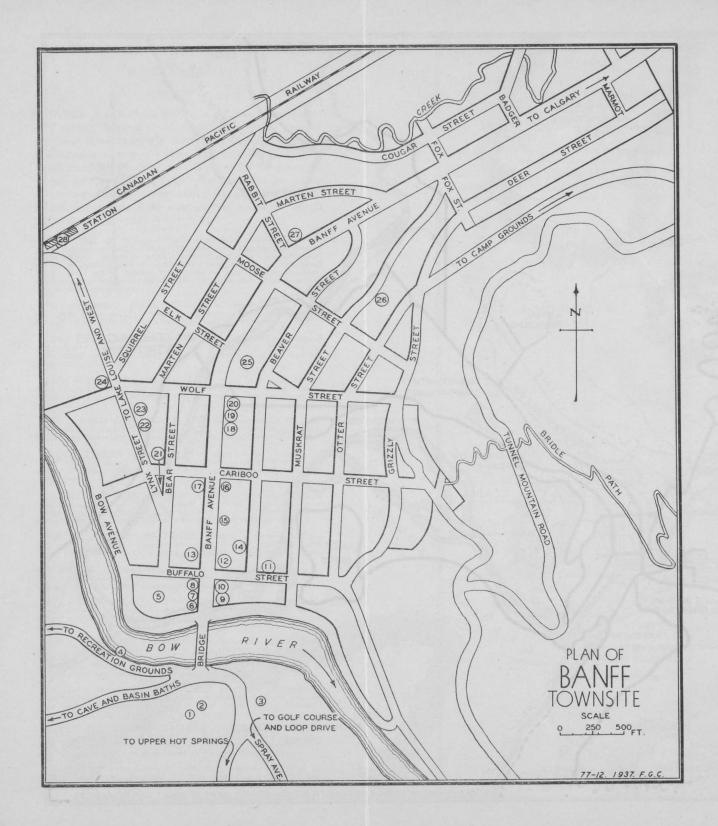
CAVE AND BASIN SPRINGS.—Located about a mile southwest of Bow River bridge. Use of large outdoor swimming pool, bathing suit, and towel may be had on payment of nominal fee. Entrance to the Cave, a natural cavern formed by the action of subterranean hot springs, is provided by a tunnel.

SUNDANCE CANYON.—Four miles southwest of Banff via Cave avenue. Amid wild surroundings, Sundance Creek tumbles in a series of cascades through a huge crack in the limestone formation.

UPPER HOT SPRINGS.—Located on the slopes of Sulphur Mountain about two and a half miles from Banff. Use of outdoor pool, bathing suit and towel may be had on payment of nominal fee. Excellent views of Bow River and Spray River Valleys.

OBSERVATORY.—Located 7,495 feet above sea level on Sulphur Mountain. Reached by trail from Upper Hot Springs. Magnificient views of surrounding peaks and valleys.





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